



Media Release

New CEO to lead Local Government Professionals Australia

Wednesday 6 October 2021: Local Government Professionals Australia has appointed senior property leader and diversity champion Catherine Carter as Chief Executive Officer after an extensive executive search.

Ms Carter was most recently Canberra General Manager with Engineers Australia. She spent more than a decade as Executive Director of the Property Council of Australia in the ACT. She is also the Founder and Managing Director of Salon Canberra, a platform that brings together thought leaders, influencers and opinion makers to discuss, debate and dissect issues that influence the future of the nation's capital and capital region.

LG Professionals Association's National President, Jonathan Throssell, says Ms Carter has a strong understanding of government and all aspects of policy development and political process gained through experience as an industry leader, media commentator and ministerial staffer.

"Catherine's highly-honed advocacy skills, strong association management skills, strategic thinking and large network will help us to expand our reach and influence at a critical time," Mr Throssell says.

"Catherine has deep experience working with the media, industry and government to provide advice and insights into policies that address the issues that matter most to our members, whether that is infrastructure investment, workforce development or sustainability.

"Importantly, Catherine is a vocal and established champion of diversity and inclusion, and her appointment represents an important milestone as we ramp up our support for women's leadership in local government," Mr Throssell says.

In June, the Australian Government's Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office for Women awarded LG Professionals Australia \$615,000 over three years to increase female leadership in the local government sector.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the team at LG Professionals Association at a mission-critical time for local government professionals across Australia," Ms Carter says.

"The Association's role as an advocate for the contribution, capability and capacity of local government professionals has never been more important. I'm looking forward to working closely with our members and partners to ensure policies and programs that support the 200,000-strong workforce of professionals working in local government across Australia."

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